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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN MATT BRAINARD** on January 13, 1999 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 420 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Matt Brainard, Chairman (R)
Rep. Allan Walters, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Toni Hagener, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Darrel Adams (R)
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)
Rep. Edith Clark (R)
Rep. Tom Dell (D)
Rep. George Golie (D)
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)
Rep. Douglas Mood (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Bill Tash (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (R)
Rep. Doug Wagner (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Doug Mood

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch
Karen Mills, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 175, POSTED on 1/5/1999.
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 175

**Opening Statement by Sponsor: REP. KIM GILLAN EXHIBIT(sfh09a01)
EXHIBIT(sfh09a02)**

fax documents should now be considered same as original. An individual would then be able to fax their application for office to the appropriate place.

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Proponent's Testimony

MIKE COONEY: SECRETARY OF STATE:

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Informational Testimony:

ROBERT THROSSEL: May be only one fax machine in a county. For others, they may consider a fax to be outdated and prefer to use the Internet or E-mail.

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

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Question: What about the format for paying filing fees?

Answer: Yes, we could set up pre-paid accounts, but most people mail them in or walk in with forms.

JOE KERWIN: ASSISTANT SEC. OF STATE Wants to add a technical amendment to allow and make available E-mail and the Internet for transmitting declarations. This will occur in the future.

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MIKE COONEY: Fees associated with credit card payments are not available at this time.

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JOE KERWIN: We have to make sure payment has been made.

MIKE COONEY: Law would have to be changed. Now we have to file

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with appropriate official.

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Closing by Sponsor: REP. GILLAN

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Hearing on House Bill 144 has been canceled today.

Informational Overview: Sheri Heffelfinger **EXHIBIT**(sfh09a03)

EXHIBIT(sfh09a04)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

REP. MATT BRAINARD, Chairman

KAREN MILLS, Secretary

EXHIBIT (sfh09aad)